10. Encouragement of salt industry.
11. Opening of a State Bank.
12. Introduction of legislation to regulate the numerous *chitties* started in the State, which were speculative in character and tended to increase the indebtedness of the people, without any corresponding benefit to the subscribers.

In summing up, the member said that agriculture should be improved, cultivable areas should be disafforested from the Reserves, landless people should be given small holdings and agricultural loans should be issued liberally. As in Germany, England, America and other advanced countries, Government should take up a bold policy in agriculture and industry. The Co-operative Department of the State was doing some work. But the present one-sided development of credit societies was doing harm to the people, by increasing their borrowing capacity without enhancing their source of income. Consumers' societies,, distributive societies and co-operative stores should be established in larger numbers and they should be encouraged.

In conclusion, the member also referred to the undesirability of creating new appointments, and to the necessity for reducing the salary of the high-paid officers. The member said that the practice of importing men from outside and appointing them as heads of departments in the State was undesirable, especially as there was no paucity of capable men in the country. The European officers who were got down had not the necessary experience to deal with the people or the problems of the country.

DEWAN'S REPLY: There are some useful things which you have said and some things, in my opinion, not very useful. Whatever useful suggestions you have made will be noted and considered.

48. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. JOHN JACOB (*Tiruvalla taluk, Group II*) dwelt upon the following needs of Tiruvalla taluk :—

Raising the English Middle School for girls at Chengannur to the High School standard. The same subject was represented at the previous sessions also. At the 24th session, the Dewan replied that the matter was under consideration. There were 77 girl students studying in the local Boys' High School, of whom 40 students were in the IV Form. Owing to unwillingness to join the Boys' school, 25 girls students from Chengannur were attending the Girls' High Schools at Kottayam and Tiruvalla. More than 20 students had discontinued their studies. At least Form IV should be opened in the Girls' Middle School from the beginning of the next school year.

The works on the approach road to the local Boys' High School, for the benefit of the students coming from Angadical, should be expedited. The additional land required for the extension of the school premises, for the provision of latrines etc., should be acquired.

Construction of a bridge at Kollakadavu ferry. This was not a new subject for representation in the Assembly. The question of constructing a bridge at the place was a most important one. There was a daily market at the place, attracting a very large number of people from Vettiyar, Mavelikara, Kayankulam, Haripad, Ambalapuzha and other places. The bridge would be useful to the students attending the local schools and the patients resorting to the local Hospital. In many respects the work was an important and useful one. Hence it should be taken up immediately.

The village road from Kollakadavu to Kulanada *via* Venmony should be made fit for cart traffic. The major portion of the road was cartable even now. Only 4 culverts remained to be constructed.

Provision had been made in the current year's budget for the construction of culverts in the Venmony-Kodukulanji road. It should be extended to meet the Mavelikara—Pandalam road at Vettiyar.

The Kuriyannur-Maramon road which crossed the Tiruvalla-Kozhencherry road at Chettimukku should be extended to Aranmula road *via* Parappuzha landing.

A flight of steps should be provided in the Kollakadavu river at the market landing for facilitating the loading and unloading of goods.

The Chengannur-Mannar road *via* Pandanad to Parumala landing should be improved and the Perumbalam bridge in Chengannur town should be constructed.

The Puliyoor-Mannar road should be extended to Mannar and a *Janghar* service should be provided at Ittynayar *kadavu*.

The Kozhencherry bridge should be constructed along with the construction of the Vallamkulam bridge.

The bridge works at Ayikad and Kozhipalam should be expedited.

The Mavelikara-Chengannur village road from Puliyoor temple to Thazhakara *via* Elanjimel should be made fit for cart traffic.

The village road from the 75th mile M. C. Road to Perisseri should be made fit for cart traffic by providing two culverts.

The *Janghar* service sanctioned at Arattupuzha should be provided at a very early date.

The 3rd section of the Pullad-Ranni road from Ayiroor to Cherukolpuzha, which remained to be opened by the ryots, should be completed by the Government.

The Kurudaman-Plankaman road in Ayroor should be improved by providing suitable gradients.

The Mulakkazha-Eraviperur road *via* Edanad and Othara East should be made fit for cart traffic.

The Pandalam-Aranmula road should be made fit for cart traffic by the construction of a bridge at Nalkalikkal.

A *Vishavaidyasala* should be opened at Mulakkazha in Puthenkavu *pakuthi*.

A grant-in-aid *Vaidyasala* or a bi-weekly dispensary should be opened at Kollakadavu in Cheriyanad *pakuthi*.

The Homœopathic system of treatment should be encouraged by giving grant-in-aid and a Homœopathic dispensary should be opened at Chengannur or Pandalam.

As recommended by the Sanitary Commissioner, Kozhencherry should be made a major conservancy station.

The Chengannur conservancy staff should be strengthened and a Sanitary Inspector should be appointed at the place.

The Kozhencherry market site should be extended at an early date.

The market *poramboke* sites now left outside the market walls at Chengannur and Kollakadavu should be registered in the names of the present occupants.

The block system introduced to regulate the vending of articles, in the Chengannur and Kollakadavu markets should be introduced in all the other markets in the State. A watcher should be appointed in the Chengannur market. Watchers should also be appointed in all the important markets.

An additional District Magistrate's Court should be established at Chengannur for Central Travancore, to relieve the heavy file of the Quilon and Kottayam District Magistrates' Courts.

DEWAN'S REPLY: I propose to make a suggestion to the members about some of the subjects that have been included in the list of subjects handed in to the Government. I think this is the proper occasion to make a suggestion because, of all the lists of subjects that I have before me, this one it seems to me, is the longest. It is this. It would perhaps be more advantageous and helpful if members, in dealing with local needs of any particular taluk, would confine themselves to matters which it is necessary for the Government to take note of in order to facilitate matters. Matters which would more properly go before constituted institutions or authorities, for instance, Municipalities, or Road Boards, as a rule, I would suggest for the consideration of the members, had better be not included in the list of subjects for representation in this Assembly.

With regard to most of the subjects on which Mr. Jacob made representations, all that I have to say is that these matters will be placed before the Road Boards for their consideration. I would therefore earnestly place my suggestion before the members of the Assembly for their acceptance. The whole batch of Mr. Jacob's representations, except those in which, as the member said, some work has been done, will be placed before the Road Board for its consideration.

The other points that the member has raised will be noted and considered.